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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

NELSON ET AL.

Examiner

Kenneth N Vanderpuye

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Status

- 1) ☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on ____.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-43 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) ____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☒ Claim(s) 1-18 and 27-43 is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 19-26 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) ____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on ____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. ____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date ____.
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: ____.

DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

Claims 19-22, 25 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Jalali et al.(5,828,662).

With regards to claim 19, Jalali teaches a method for supporting wireless communications, the method comprising: allocating a coded channel(CDMA reverse link, fig 4) to support synchronized communications(Fig. 4, SSRC channels, are time slots)from each of multiple transmitters (Reverse link supports many mobiles) to a receiver(base station), assigning a first portion of the coded channel for use by a first transmitter(Fig. 4, a time slot in reverse link used for SSRC), assigning a second portion of the channel for use by a second transmitter to transmit a message to the receiver(Fig. 4, another time slot in reverse link used for a second SSRC).

Claim 20 is rejected because in Jalali the reference signal is a timing signal used to synchronize the first transmitter with the receiver.(synchronization message).

Claims 21-22 are rejected because the synchronization message does not include FEC information or data payload. (col. 5 lines 24-45)

Claim 25 is rejected because the coded channel is divided into slots(Fig. 4).

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

Claims 23-24 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Jalali(5,828,662) in view of Scott(5,745,484).

With regards to claims 23-24, Jalali fails to teach the receiver sending a feedback message to the transmitter which indicates whether to advance or retard its timing. This is taught by Scott(see abstract). It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art to combine Scott with Jalali for the purpose of adjusting for roundtrip delay based on the distance

between each transmitter and the base station. This way, collisions between transmitters are reduced and synchronization is maintained.

Claim 25 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Jalali(5,828,662)

With regards to claims 26, Jalali fails to teach a method wherein the second transmitter generates a message including forward error correction information. The use of error correction is well known in the art. Official notice is taken that it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art to combine this well known art with Jalali for the purpose of performing forward error correction of the message. The motivation being discard corrupted data and request retransmission of discarded messages.

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 1-18, 27-43 are allowed.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Kenneth N Vanderpuye whose telephone number is 703-308-7828. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F(7:30-5:00) Second Friday Off.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Doug Olms can be reached on 703-305-4703. The

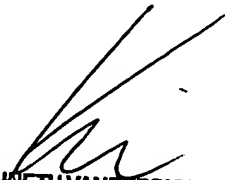
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